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BOY SHOOT'S MURDERER OF FATHER

MOORE HAD BEEN OUT OF JAIL ONLY A FEW HOURS WHEN HIS VICTIM'S SON OPENED FIRE.

In an attempt to avenge his father's death, Ben Bramlitt, colored, shot Will Moore, colored, shortly before six o'clock Wednesday evening, inflicting severe flesh wounds.

Some time ago Moore shot Rev. Bramlitt, colored, near the tent in which meetings were being held on Wabash avenue, and the pastor died later from the effects of these wounds. Moore was arrested, given a preliminary hearing and held for district court.

Yesterday morning his attorney, F. L. Martin, arranged his bond and secured Judge Sargent's approval. Moore was released from the county jail at 11 o'clock. A little while after he was released young Bramlitt met Moore's wife on the street and inquired if Moore was at liberty.

They met somewhere in the 900 block on Eighteenth street, just before six o'clock, and Bramlitt began shooting. It is generally thought that he fired three shots, though some say that five were fired. One tore through the flesh of Moore's hips, making a nasty wound.

Bramlitt escaped and all efforts to locate him failed. An attempt was made at the preliminary hearing to show that the younger Bramlitt fired the shots that struck his father and the testimony tended to show that he had a gun.

The father, Rev. Joseph Bramlitt, had been pastor of St. Mary's Baptist church for some time and was respected among his people in this city.

This shooting was the outcropping of a feud that has existed in the church and has caused much trouble in the past.—Wichita Eagle.



OFFICER WALTER HOWARD, One of our most efficient and courageous Police Officers who succeeded in capturing the much wanted burglar who has been robbing homes on the South Side for the past two months. He was a Negro known as Rucks. Officer Howard captured him without a struggle. The people of the Sixth District feel secure when Officer Howard is on their beat.

WHERE COLORED GUARDSMEN WILL MOBILIZE.

Washington, D. C., August 9.—There are two complete regiments of Negro guardsmen, the Fifteenth New York and the Eighth Illinois. There are two battalions, one from the District of Columbia and one from Ohio. Connecticut, Maryland, Tennessee and Massachusetts furnish four separate companies.

These troops were mustered into service on August 5. The Illinois troops go to Houston, Tex.; the New York troops to Spartansburg, S. C.; District of Columbia, to Anniston, Ala.; the Ohio to Montgomery, Ala.; the Tennessee Company to Charlotte, N. C.

It is rumored that southern whites do not want the colored troops sent to the South. According to information gleaned from the War Department, that in the event of any trouble arising it will be handled by the United States Army, but no trouble is anticipated from the troops.

Distinguished visitors coming to Des Moines next week: Prof. Wm. Pickens of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. St. Geo. A. M. McCallum of Florence, Ala.; Dr. H. H. Proctor, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.; Principal Major R. R. Moton of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Prof. B. Du Bois of New York, editor of Crisis; Hon. Nelson C. Crews of Kansas City.—Bystander.

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN FT. DES MOINES MEN.

Physical Condition Said to Be Better Than in Any Other Training Camp.

"Men in training for officers' commissions at the Fort Des Moines camp are in better physical condition than in any other training camp in the United States," says Capt. John Cook, U. S. A., medical officer in the regular army for more than twenty-eight years.

According to comparative figures the camp excels any in the United States for physical condition.

The men in training are expecting the announcement to come any day of the awarding of commissions to the successful candidates. Examinations in the various companies are daily affairs, tests in different phases of the military game being given several companies every day.

The process of weeding out the least capable men from the candidates is now in progress. Nearly 150 have been excused from further work at the camp because of apparent inability to become good officers in the length of time allowed by the training camp law.

Not Actual Failures. The excused men, however, are not necessarily to be considered as having failed. Ninety-two per cent of these men were dismissed not because of their failure to absorb the business of war but for minor physical defects, too slight to prevent their acceptance for the camp, and too great to enable them to qualify for commissions under the strict standards of the United States army.

Many of the 8 per cent excused for other reasons were considered by the officers as valuable men, who might have produced a number of good officers after a longer period of study, but whose measure of adaptability was not great enough for them to cram the knowledge essential in three months.

The remaining officers are expected to supply enough men capable of holding commissions in the regiments of colored soldiers to be raised under the selective draft law.

Regulars Take High Rank. Among the most valuable candidates are the privates and non-commissioned officers of the Negro regiments in the regular army, who are trying for places. These men have proved themselves invaluable aids to the instructing officers in the camp, and will, most of them, qualify as high officers under examination.

Of the medical corps which is being established at the fort now to provide colored surgeons for the Negro troops, forty-two men have arrived and a number of doctors in civil life who had been candidates in the officers' training camp division have been transferred to the medical department. Several army officers have been assigned to the camp by the war department and are expected to arrive within a few days.

NEGRO PATRIOTIC MASS MEETING. A Negro Patriotic Mass meeting will be held at the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church Thursday evening, August 23, at 8:30 p. m. Every Negro in Kansas City should attend this meeting. Addresses will be delivered by various men on "The Colored Laborer," the Backbone of the Negro Race." We believe that at this crucial time of World Wars, race riots and strikes all over the country and as the whole world is in an uproar, that the Negroes should have a general getting together and it is the intention of this committee to make this meeting a weekly affair to be held at the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, 16th and Lyda, Thursday evening of each week as Rev. W. C. Williams has kindly donated the use of his Church without cost.

SIGNED: J. J. Allen, Rev. W. C. Williams, Dr. P. B. Johnson, Prof. R. T. Coles, L. A. Knox, Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, W. C. Hueston, N. C. Crews, A. W. Harris, C. A. Franklin.

MASONS, ATTENTION! The Past Masters' Council will meet Sunday, August 19, at 3 p. m. at the Masonic Temple, 15th and Woodland. All invited.

E. G. Lacey, Pres.
Dr. E. C. Bunch, Sec'y.

No Room for Race Prejudice

The march down Fifth Avenue on Saturday of 8,000 Negro men, women and children in "silent protest against acts of discrimination and oppression" should stir the conscience of all America.

Pitiful wrongs and grave acts of injustice have been and are continued to be committed against the Negro and the oppression from which he suffers is a reflection upon the democracy of the United States.

Prejudice and race hatred must be foreign to the people of the United States. The founders of the Republic fled to these shores because the ywere discriminated against in the lands of their nativity. They sought freedom and the right to develop, to labor and to worship in accordance with the dictates of their conscience. The great majority of the citizens of this country are either natives of foreign countries who have come here to escape intolerable conditions, or they are the descendants of such refugees.

Every sympathy must be expressed to Negroes who are persecuted, denied the opportunity of gaining an honest livelihood, lynched and driven hither and thither.

The inscription on one of the banners carried in the parade read, "We are maligned as lazy, and murdered when we work? No more smashing indictment could have been uttered against a state of affairs which is disgraceful to the citizenship of America."

Neither the country nor the Negro gains by oppression. The late Booker T. Washington in a memorable address delivered some years ago before the Conference of Liberal Religions in Philadelphia, exclaimed, "When America freed the Negro slaves, America freed herself." A people that persecutes is a people enslaved. A country in which prejudice finds a place is not emancipated and its growth is stunted.

The way to improve the status of the Negro does not lie through lynching and expulsions, but through education and making him feel that he is regarded as a human being possessing all the rights that are accorded to men.

But above all, every right-minded American to whom the fundamentals of the Republic are dear and who wishes to maintain the spirit of freedom that is the cornerstone of the fabric of the United States, must protest with might and main against the persecution to which the Negro is subjected.

The life of the mearest among men must be held sacred beneath the Stars and Stripes. The Negro has given evidence of self-loyalty and of being capable of good citizenship. Let nothing be done that will drag him down to the level of the brute. Extend to him the hand of brotherhood, for all men are created free and equal. It is man's inhumanity against man which creates inequalities.

The dignified and earnest protest of thousands of Negroes should strike home and cause every American to regard his fellow citizen of the black race with fairness and justice. Let there be an end to wrongdoing lest we stand accused before the Bar of Justice as a people unworthy of freedom.

—New York Jewish Daily News, July 31.



The above is a splendid likeness of the most beautiful woman in Oklahoma—Mrs. L. L. Sawner of Chandler—who has the unique distinction of being the only lady principal in the state, being principal of the High School in her city and an instructor in the Summer Normal at Langston University. Mrs. Sawner stopped over en route to the Supreme Grand Lodge, K. of G., to visit friends while her distinguished husband is attending the National Business League at Chattanooga and will join him in St. Louis. Judge Sawner is Oklahoma's most successful cotton dealer, his business last year aggregating \$150,000.00. He is the Grand Representative to the Supreme Lodge while Mrs. Sawner is Grand Representative to the Supreme Court of Calanthe. She is Grand Secretary of the Eastern Star of Oklahoma and also the Grand Treasurer of Endowment of the Court of Calanthe of that state.

While here she is the guest of Mrs. Jacobs, 1321 Woodland Avenue, recently of Oklahoma, and of Mrs. B. M. Weaver of the Weaver Floral Co., and is being royally entertained during her stay.

CHAPLAIN PRIOLEAU WRITES.

Schofield Barracks H. T.

Mr. Nelson C. Crews: For two or three years I have been reading The Kansas City Sun; it has become a real companion and it is eagerly looked for each week. I have not as yet missed a copy. I do not know when my subscription expires but I do know that every renewal of one's subscription establishes the "Sun" more permanently as a Champion of truth and righteousness. I am enclosing money order for \$1.50 for a renewal. My regards to "Betty & Sam" and say to them for me to keep on telling us "what they say." I have been recommended by my Commanding Officer and Intermediate Commanders to be advanced to the grade of Major for exceptional efficiency to fill a vacancy. There are about 22 who are eligible and therefore I am not overly sanguine; but whether we get it or not I have the distinction of having been recommended for promotion and that means a great deal to me and the race.

Fraternally,
G. W. PRIOLEAU,
Chaplain 25th Infantry.

44TH ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI.

The 44th annual session of M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons convened in Page auditorium, Lincoln Institute, of Jefferson City, Mo., August 6, 1917, at 8:30 a. m. The session was largely attended, and the following officers were elected:

M. E. Thos. E. McCampbell, grand high priest; R. E., J. P. Moffett, grand king; R. E., S. A. May, grand scribe; R. E. Chas. Griggsby, grand treasurer; R. E., E. S. Baker, grand secretary; R. E., I. H. Bradbury, grand lecturer; R. E., Rev. R. Barbour, grand chaplain; E. Jas. Triggs, grand Capt. of Host; E. B. F. Graves, grand principal sojourner; E. Geo. Dupree, grand royal Capt.; E. F. Washington, grand master, 3d veil; E. Richard Fullbright, grand master 2d veil; E. F. L. Brown, grand master 1st veil; E. Ernest Bone, inner sentinel; E. Louis Routt, outer sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was addressed by Prof. B. F. Allen, president of Lincoln Institute; Prof. W. H. Jones, past grand high priest; Milton F. Fields, Prof. J. H. Kenner, Past Master Nelson C. Crews.

Grand Commandery.

The 36th annual session United Grand Commandery met in Page auditorium, Lincoln Institute, August 7, 1917. The following are the officers: R. E. G. Com., W. G. Mosley; E. D. G. Com., J. W. Beard; E. G. Gen., Geo. W. Lewis; E. G. Capt. Gen., Clay Brassfield; E. G. Prelate, Wash. Ashley; E. G. Treas., J. H. Cannon; E. G. Sen. Warden, Geo. A. Johnson; E. G. Junior warden, B. F. Graves.

Appointed Officers.

E. G. Inspector, T. G. McCampbell; E. G. Instructor, D. L. White; E. G. Standard Bearer, R. Barbour; E. G. Sword Bearer, Chas. Monroe; E. G. Warden, G. C. Cole; E. G. 1st Guard, Wm. Lamb; E. G. 2d Guard, Corneal; E. G. 3d Guard, Chas. Griggsby; E. G. Sentinel, R. A. James; E. G. Register, S. A. May.

GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

The Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. held its sessions at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., August 6-10, inclusive. An excellent attendance of officers and members of the jurisdiction were present. The session was a very harmonious one.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter elected Mr. T. G. McCampbell as Grand High Priest and the Grand Commandery, Mr. Willis G. Mosely Most Eminent Grand Commander. The result of election in the Blue Lodge was as follows: W. W. Fields, Cameron, Mo., Grand Master; C. C. Clark, St. Louis, D. G. Master; Ernest Boone, Louisiana, Senior Warden; J. H. Bradbury, St. Louis, Junior Warden; H. H. Walker, St. Joseph, Grand Treasurer; Geo. W. K. Love, Kansas City, Grand Secretary; Nelson C. Crews, Kansas City, Relief Secretary; R. A. James, St. Louis and W. H. Jones, St. Joseph, Mo., members of the Board; W. J. Botts, Omaha, Neb., Chaplain.

The next place of meeting will be Omaha, Neb.

WHO WILL HELP THE NEGRO?

(Wm. Allen White in Emporia Gazette.)

If the black man loafs in the South, he starves. If he works in the South, he is poorly paid, more or less in kind—chips and whetstones—and his wife becomes a "pan toter." If he leaves his low estate in the South and goes to work in Northern industry, he is mobbed and killed.

He was brought to these shores from Africa a captive. He is held by his captors in economic bondage today—bidden to rise above the lowest serving class. He is herded by himself in a ghetto; and if, while he is there, he reverts to the jungle type, he is burned alive. If he tries to break out of his ghetto, and, by assimilating the white man's civilization, rise, he is driven out by his white brothers.

If he goes to school he becomes discontented, and is unhappy and dissatisfied with his social status. If he does not go to school and remains ignorant, he is then only a "coon" whom everybody exploits, and who has to swindle and cheat in return, or go down in poverty to begging and shame. There are not ships enough in the world to take him back to the land of his freedom; there is not room enough here except on the crowded bottom round of the ladder, and there always the grinding heel of those climbing over him toward is mangling his black hands.

Race riots, lynchings, political ostracism, social boycott, economic serfdom! No wonder he sings:

"Hard trials,
Great tribulations;
Hard trials—
I'm gwine to live with the Lord."

No wonder he looks dismally back at the forest whence he came, and dismally forward to the hopeless sea into which he is slowly being pushed, he lifts his plaintive voice in his heart-broken minor, and wails:

"Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home."
"Home" is about the only place he can go where they don't oppress him.

SHRINERS MEET.

The Nineteenth session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was the center of attraction in Detroit this week. Being attended in large numbers by the most prominent nobles in the United States. At the same time a large number of the Daughters of Isis met in annual convention. The sessions of the former being held at the Auditorium of the Wayne Medical Society and the latter in the Second Baptist Church. About 100 visiting delegates were registered.

The election resulted as follows and the Imperial Divan for the ensuing year reads:

Noble Jordan M. Morris, Imperial Potentate, Minneapolis, Minn.; Noble Caesar B. Blake, Jr., Imperial Deputy Potentate, Charlotte, N. C.; Noble R. E. Moore, Imperial Chief Rabbi, Chicago, Ill.; Noble J. Frank Hurley, Imperial High Priest, and Prophet, Wheeling, W. Va.; Noble Samuel W. Franklin, Imperial Asst. Rabbi, Detroit; Noble Chas. D. Freeman, Imperial Treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Noble Levi Williams, Imperial Recorder, Jersey City, N. J.; Noble J. H. Murphy, Jr., Imperial Colonial Guide, Baltimore, Md.

A fund to be used in making a fight in the Supreme Court of the U. S. for the Georgia Shriners was created and before the council adjourned it totaled on hand, \$1550.00 and with pledges that will raise the same to \$3,000.00 within thirty days.

The beautiful city of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen the next place of meeting which will be in August, 1918.

PASEO TEA ROOM.

The Sun desires to especially call attention to the elegant little Tea and Lunch Room opened some weeks ago by Mrs. Hattie Richardson at 1831 Paseo. The daintiest and most wholesome lunches and meals are served at all hours at a most reasonable price and those who have once eaten there have become regular patrons. If you are looking for a good, wholesome, homelike dinner or lunch and especially an elegant Sunday dinner, just try the Paseo Tea Room.

WIFE DIDN'T KNOW 'HE' WAS A WOMAN.

Former Spouse of "Dr. Ackerman" Testifies at Coroner's Inquest.

Toledo, O., Aug. 4.—For nine years Mrs. Sarah Ackerman Wise lived as the wife of "Dr. Samuel Ackerman" and did not know that "Dr. Ackerman" was a woman.

Testifying at the inquest over the body of "Dr. Ackerman" this afternoon, Mrs. Wise, now the wife of a carpenter here and the mother of a fine boy of one year, said:

"I married him in New York. I lived with him as his wife for nine years. I cannot yet believe it was a woman I married."

A baby son in New York may have been a contributing cause of the suicide of "Dr. Ackerman."

Fred Harms, city painter who worked with "Dr. Ackerman" when the latter for a time worked at the city filtration plant here, declared today he believed Ackerman had a son. "Sammy" carried a picture of the child constantly, Harms said. "He wrote letters to New York and sent money for the care of the child."

WHAT NEXT?

Colored Men Touch White Man's Mule—Lynched.

Montgomery, Ala., July 26.—Two race men alleged to have brushed up against a mule owned by James Suggs, a white farmer, who was driving, and were lynched. Suggs is said to have cursed the colored men for touching



REV. W. C. WILLIAMS
The popular and pleasing pastor of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church of this city, who has given to the Colored people of Greater Kansas City a recreation resort—Lincoln Park—worthy of the city and its name.

his mule and the men are reported to have told Suggs that it was only accidental, but he need not get so mad about it. They cursed Suggs and told him they would give him as good as he could send. Suggs then told them he would kill them if they said another word. They said they had a right to talk as they pleased. Then the white man is said to have organized a mob of white men, who later in the night found William and Jesse Powell and hanged them to a tree.

ANDERSON-TONEY WEDDING.

One of the most delightful weddings that has occurred in this city recently was that of the charming Miss Vina Anderson to Mr. Arthur Toney two of our best known people who were married last Tuesday evening by the Rev. Wm. Alphin, pastor of the Second Christian Church at the cozy residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Page, 1606 Forest avenue. Only a few immediate relatives and friends were fortunate enough to be present. They were: Mrs. M. E. Toney, mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Toney, Mr. and Mrs. Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Ester Hurst, Mrs. Ciella Chapman, Miss Laura McFadden, Miss Gertrude Irvin, of Omaha, Neb.; Little Mary Marshall, of Topeka, who was the flower girl; Mr. L. J. Dent, Mr. Hugh O. Gilmore, Mr. Thos. Whibby, Mr. Ed Pryor, Mr. Jas. Williams, and Mr. Jas. Smith.

The house was beautifully decorated and the impressive ring ceremony was used and at its conclusion the happy young couple received many congratulations and quite a few beautiful presents.